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SUB: WNINTEL NIFLAIR NIGALE - FLEMISH ORDER OF MILITANTS

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1. NITRUST HAS RESPONDED ORALLY TO OUR NOTE CONCERNING PASSAGE OF NIGALE INFORMATION ON THE VLAAMSE MILITANTENORDE (VMO) TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS. GIST OF HIS COMMENT: HE WILL NOT PASS US INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE VMO-AMCIT CONTACTS, BECAUSE THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT WILL PLACE SUCH INFORMATION AT RISK; AND IN GENERAL HE WILL NOT APPROVE PASSAGE OF NIGALE INFORMATION ON THE VMO TO CONGRESS BECAUSE HE HAS INSUFFICIENT ASSURANCE THAT THE MATERIAL WILL NOT LEAK, DESPITE OUR ASSURANCES THAT THE SUBJECT WOULD BE HANDLED AS CLASSIFIED AND SENSITIVE.

2. WE ARE AWAITING WRITTEN REPLY TO LEARN WHETHER THERE ANY GIVE IN NITRUST ATTITUDE. RE AMCIT ASPECT, WE SUSPECT THERE IS MEASURE OF POSTURING ON NITRUST'S SIDE. IN REF B ACOS/NIGALE-75 DISCUSSION, LATTER REMARKED THAT TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE THE ONLY KNOWN VMO CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN WAS INCIDENT IN ABOUT EARLY 1977 WHEN ORGANIZATION MET BRIEFLY WITH AN AMERICAN NAZI PARTY MEMBER WHO HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM UK AND PASSED THROUGH BELGIUM. HE DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH US AT THE TIME (NAME OF TRAVELLER NOT RECALLED BY N-75 OR ACOS).

3. THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN DISLODGE NITRUST'S OBVIOUS MIND SET ON THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION. QUESTION OF CONGRESS ASIDE, IF HEADQUARTERS CAN PROVIDE SPECIFICS ON FOIA MECHANICS WHICH WE CAN USE TO COUNTER NITRUST'S ASSERTION THAT RTACTION CANNOT PROTECT LIAISON SOURCES PROVIDING INFORMATION ON AMERICANS, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE SUCH POINTS WITH NITRUST.

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HE IS OF COURSE AWARE OF OUR "SOURCES AND METHODS" POSITION, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT HE'S NOT PERSUADED THAT WE ARE HOLDING THE LINE.

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